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## SSM Health selects design partners for the new SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital

\$500 million project includes a new Saint Louis University Hospital and Ambulatory Care Center

ST. LOUIS (January 13, 2016) – SSM Health has selected Lawrence Group in partnership with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson (HGA) as architects for the \$500 million Saint Louis University Hospital construction project, announced on September 1, 2015. The facilities, including a new hospital, ambulatory care center and academic support spaces, will be located in the immediate vicinity of the current hospital.

"This is another significant step in meeting the commitment SSM Health has made to the City of St. Louis to complete this project by 2020," says Kate Becker, SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital President. "The selection of architectural firms comes after conducting a strategic assessment of the current operations and future needs for the facilities. The planning phase has been instrumental in creating the foundation for an improved patient experience and continued high quality care for years to come."

Specific details and the timeline of this exciting endeavor are under development; however, the new hospital, ambulatory care center and academic support spaces are expected to be completed by September 2020.

"We are very excited to see this project move forward with SSM Health," says Robert M. Heaney, M.D., SLUCare Physician Group CEO. "A new hospital and ambulatory care center on the Medical Center campus will benefit the health of the region, ensuring our patients will have an exceptional healing environment and enhancing research and the education of tomorrow's medical and health professionals at Saint Louis University."

On November 3, 2015, SSM Health announced the selection of a planning architect Frank Zilm and Associates for the SSM Health Saint Louis University Medical Campus project. Frank Zilm and Associates will work in collaboration with Lawrence Group to incorporate the research findings and recommendations.

"We believe that the new Saint Louis University Hospital will be transformational, both for the delivery of world class health care and for its impact on the St. Louis community," said Steve Smith, CEO, Lawrence Group. "This project will bring a new level of health care excellence, technology and

patient-focused experience. We could not be more excited to be the design partner with SSM Health and Saint Louis University in this significant and innovative endeavor."

Lawrence Group is a St. Louis-based architectural firm with a nationally recognized health care design division who has successfully partnered with SSM Health and Saint Louis University on numerous capital initiatives. HGA is based out of Milwaukee, Wis., and most recently partnered with Lawrence Group on the SSM Health St. Mary's replacement hospital in Jefferson City, Mo. They also served as lead architect on SSM Health St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, Mo. Both projects received national recognition as top healthcare projects after their completion.

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